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ENGLISH GRAMMAR AND USAGE

(For those who joined in July 2017 – 2018 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Shamrock is _____ national emblem of Ireland.
(a) the (b) a
(c) an (d) no article
2. He saw _____ in the mirror.
(a) herself (b) himself
(c) themselves (d) myself
3. The programme was _____ to next year.
(a) put on (b) put out
(c) put off (d) put up with
4. I _____ a cable from my son in New York.
(a) am (b) had
(c) was (d) has

5. Brian participated in the baseball tournament. The given sentence is a/an _____ sentences.
(a) declarative (b) interrogative
(c) imperative (d) exclamatory
6. Cars pollute the environment, _____.
(a) do they? (b) don't they?
(c) are they? (d) aren't they?
7. Tom _____ the newspaper, every morning.
(a) read (b) is reading
(c) reads (d) will read
8. There is no passive voice for _____ tense.
(a) present continuous (b) past continuous
(c) future continuous (d) present perfect
9. The implied subject of the imperative sentence is _____.
(a) I (b) We
(c) You (d) They
10. _____ Margaret was the most desecuring candidate, she didn't get the job.
(a) Though (b) Since
(c) Whereas (d) Unless

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Write a note on compound nouns.

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(b) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) People kill _____ (sheep) in a religious celebration.
(Use the plural form of the noun in the bracket)
- (ii) How _____ (many/much) oranges did you put in the box?
- (iii) The lady has a _____ voice.
(supply suitable adjective)
- (iv) Ravi Varma is famous _____ his paintings. (Use preposition)
- (v) I told him not to come _____ he came. (Insert correct conjunction)

12. (a) Explain transitive and intransitive verbs with examples.

Or

(b) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) The doctor said I _____ give up smoking. (supply a modal verb)
- (ii) The meaning of the phrasal verb put forth is _____.
(1) announce (2) postpone
(3) wear (4) tired.
- (iii) My friend along with her husband and children. (have/has) arrived this morning.
- (iv) The oldman _____ (recline) in a corner and sleep.
(express a habitual action in the past)
- (v) He gave me a chair to sit.
(pick out the non-finite verb)

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13. (a) Write a note on 'Wh' questions.

Or

(b) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) I like going to the cinema.
(change into negative)
- (ii) Is grandma's condition serious?
(change into affirmative)
- (iii) Kumar will open the door for Sheela.
(change into interrogative)
- (iv) She went to the library Yesterday, _____?
(Add a tag question)
- (v) I like apples the most.
(frame a 'Wh' question to get the underlined word as the answer)

14. (a) Mention the various ways to indicate futurity.

Or

(b) Change the following as directed :

- (i) I _____ (book) the ticket two weeks ago. (Use the correct verb)
- (ii) When her husband arrived home she _____ (watch) television.
(Use the appropriate form of the verb in bracket)
- (iii) John brings the mail everyday.
(change into passive voice)
- (iv) The money was stolen by a thief.
(change into active voice)
- (v) My father has written a long letter to me.
(Identify the tense of the sentences)

15. (a) Explain the rules for the change of adverbs in reported speech.

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(b) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) She says, "I have done my duty".
(change into reported speech)
- (ii) You can have tea. You can have coffee.
(combine using 'or')
- (iii) I have lost the book which he gave me.
(Name the type of dependent clause)
- (iv) The news is too good, to be true.
(Rewrite in so... that form)
- (v) In spite of his richness, he is unhappy.
(Change into compound sentence)

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) Explain the kinds of adjectives with examples.

Or

(b) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) It was proudest moment of my life.
(insert article in the correct place)
- (ii) The boys were late. So the teacher scolded _____.
(use the correct pronoun)
- (iii) I take (a little/a few) sugar with my tea.
- (iv) The product is available in all places.
(replace adverbial phrase with adverb)
- (v) Mumbai is bigger than any other city in India. (Change into superlative)
- (vi) A day-work. (Make genitive)
- (vii) He has been absent _____.
(from/to/at) classes for three days now.
- (viii) Do you know _____ of these strangers? (Use some or any)

17. (a) Explain phrasal verbs with suitable examples.
Or

(b) Rewrite as directed :

- (i) One of my friends _____
(has/have) come to visit me.
- (ii) I like to dance for Tamil songs.
(Substitute gerund for infinitive)
- (iii) He _____ to retire next year.
(is/am/was)
(choose the correct auxiliary verb)
- (iv) I cannot bear with/bear up you any longer.
(choose the correct phrasal verb)
- (v) A teacher, along with forty students _____
(has/have) come here.
- (vi) John and his wife Mary will _____.
(have/has) been married seven year tomorrow.
- (vii) He was wearing a torn shirt years tomorrow.
(pick out the non finite verb)
- (viii) Usha sneezed repeatedly, sneezed is a _____
(transitive/intransitive)
verb

18. (a) What are the types of sentences? Give examples.

Or

- (b) (i) Are you aware of the appointment tomorrow.
(Identify the type of the sentences and mark down the end punctuation)
- (ii) I visit my parents very often.
(Change into negative)



- (iii) Tom gets up at Six O'clock
(Frame a 'wh' question in order to get the underlined part as the answer)
- (iv) They are not funny, _____?
(Add a question tag)
- (v) He does not like his job _____.
(Write into affirmative)
- (vi) Mary moved into a new flat.
(Change into Yes or No type question)
- (vii) Today is my birthday _____.
(Identify the type of sentence)
- (viii) She can rarely come these days, _____?
(Add a tag)

19. (a) Define tense and write its kinds.

Or

(b) Answer as directed :

- (i) The programme _____ (start) everyday at 9 PM.
(Use the correct form of verb)
- (ii) They _____ (beat) his badly last night. (Put the correct verb)
- (iii) If you stay away from the meeting they _____ (ignore) you in future.
(Put the correct verb in the blank)
- (iv) The dogs _____ (eat) all the food.
(Write the sentence in present perfect tense)
- (v) Julie may bring the cake tomorrow.
(Change into passive)
- (vi) The book was found by Mary.
(Change into active voice)

- (vii) A letter is not being written by him.
(Change into active)
- (viii) He cannot finish this today.
(Change into passive)

20. (a) Classify the adverbial clause.

Or

(b) Answer as directed :

- (i) "Can you solve the problem", he asked me.
(Change into reported speech)
- (ii) The father advised his son not to waste his time in idle talk.
(Change into direct speech)
- (iii) He was ill but he came to work.
(Change into simple sentence)
- (iv) Unless you study regularly, you will make no progress.
(Change into compound sentence)
- (v) I heard that he had won the match.
(Identify the type of the dependent clause)
- (vi) She is so proud that she will not apologize.
(Use too..to)
- (vii) This is the house where my family lives. Here, where my family lives is an adverbial clause of time/adverbial clause of place.
- (viii) Samyukta is as tall as Geetha.
(Change into comparative degree)

